

Whereas the Search and Screen Committee for the UW System President announced on November 1, 2019 consists of five Regents, one former Regent, two Chancellors, and one Provost, and includes no faculty, academic staff, or university staff members, and no students other than one student Regent;

Whereas the committee was announced just one week after President Cross announced his retirement with no outreach to faculty, academic staff, university staff, or students regarding the composition of the committee;

Whereas the composition of the Search and Screen Committee represents a radical departure from past practice, as past Search and Screen committees have consistently included multiple faculty, staff, and student members;

Whereas the System President makes decisions that affect all members of our campuses and the UW-System community; and

Whereas faculty, staff, and students are key stakeholders in the University of Wisconsin system, and can provide valuable perspectives on the role of the President that are distinct from those of the Board of Regents and System administrators;

Whereas the incoming System President will be best-served by having the support of an inclusive, rather than exclusive, search process;

Be it therefore resolved the UW Milwaukee Faculty Senate strenuously objects to the existing composition of the Search and Screen Committee for the new UW System President.

Be it further resolved that we call on the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents to add representation from the faculty, academic staff, university staff, and students to the Search and Screen committee before the committee begins its work.

Upon approval, this resolution shall be transmitted to Chancellor Mark Mone, Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Johannes Britz, UW System President Ray Cross, Regent President Andrew Petersen and all of the voting members of the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents, Leigh Wallace, Chair of the Academic Staff Committee, Stan Yasaitis, Chair of the University Staff Committee, and Connor Mathias, President of the Student Association.